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SUBJ: NIGERIAN CANDIDATE FOR FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL POSITION

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1. DURING CALL ON DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT ADENIJI JANUARY 20 ON OTHER MATTERS, EMBOFF WAS ASKED WHETHER DEPARTMENT HAD RECEIVED DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM NIGERIAN EMBASSY REGARDING CANDIDACY FOR FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF DR. BUKAR SHAIB, PERMANENT SECRETARY OF FEDERAL MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES. NOTING DIFFICULTIES WHICH HAD ARISEN REGARDING AFRICAN CANDIDATE (REFTEL), ADENIJI REITERATED SERIOUSNESS OF SHAIB'S CANDIDACY. HE ALSO NOTED FMG'S PARTICULAR INTEREST IN USG ATTITUDE TOWARD HAVING AFRICAN AS FAO DIRECTOR-GENRAL. EMBOFF REPLIED HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY NOTE REGARDING SHAIB HAVING BEEN RECEIVED BY DEPARTMENT BUT SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO MATTER.

2. IN CONNECTION WITH SHAIB'S CANDIDACY, ADENIJI NOTED THAT FORMER DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES EDDIE BAYAGBONA HAD JUST BEEN NAMED NIGERIA'S REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RANK OF MINISTER/COUNSELOR. ONE OF BAYAGBONA'S

TASKS IN HIS NEW JOB WILL BE TO COORDINATE SUPPORT FOR
SHAIB (EMBASSY IS FORWARDING BIO MATERIAL ON BAYAGBONA
TO EMBASSY ROME).

3. COMMENT: WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER DEPARTMENT
RECEIVED ANY NOTE ON SHAIB AS WELL AS ITS VIEWS ON HIS
CANDIDACY.
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